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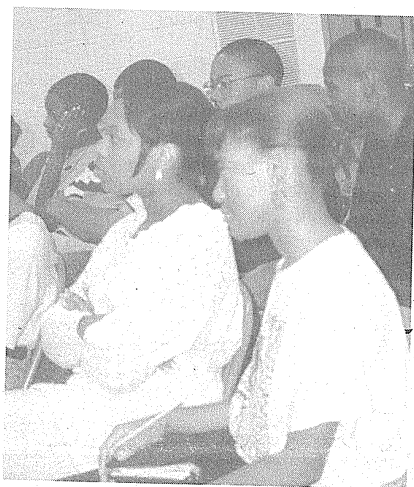
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P.S.A.T. Tutoring Program

by Vernice Howard,
Second Baptist Church



Tutoring Program for P.S.A.T.

The Scholarship Committee of Second Baptist Church, SW, has just completed its tutoring program for students preparing to take the PSAT and SAT exams. These students took two hours of intensive training for four consecutive Saturdays in the Southwest Library. The sessions ended on Saturday, October 15. Only 15 to 16 students are accepted in this program each year.

This year, for the first time, elementary children in the 3rd through 6th Grades were tutored in Reading Readiness and Vocabulary building. Only 8-9 students are accepted in this program.

Both programs are administered by Dr. Eugene Williams, the Director of the Test Improvement Program for the District of Columbia Public Schools. Students were only required to pay a five dollar registration fee. All materials were provided by the Second Baptist Church Scholarship Committee.

When the program ended, the results were gratifying. Several of the students came away from the program with newly found confidence. The students will be doing follow-up work with Dr. Williams who will be working with each on an individual basis.

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The writer is Chairperson of the Second Baptist Church Scholarship Committee.

The Wiley Branton CDC -- What's Next?

by Kate Mulligan

Four years ago, the Wiley Branton Community Development Corporation (WBCDC) had a promising start. WBCDC is one of a new breed of efforts to add flesh--and some teeth--to the abstract concept of community responsibility. The idea behind CDCs is simple common sense: a corporation that takes profits from a community should give something back to promote its well-being. The Redevelopment Land Agency (RLA), the city agency that selects contractors to develop land under its jurisdiction, can require that a developer submit a plan detailing a financial commitment to the community in which the development will take place. The commitment is an obligation that, in theory at least, is not subject to annual negotiation.

Funding was promised from Portal Associates, developers of the large office/hotel/commercial complex near the Southwest terminus of the 14th Street Bridge. Exactly what was promised apparently has not been resolved. The amount most frequently cited in written materials is \$150,000 a year for 10 years, with \$25,000 for administrative expenses either added to or subtracted from the total. For a relatively small area like Southwest, either sum had the potential of making a real difference. An effective CDC can use the initial funds as seed money that will attract grants from other sources like foundations. And, a CDC in an area like Southwest with undeveloped land can position itself to receive funds from future development.

This sense of promise was captured in WBCDC's brochure, which said, [the organization's] mission is "to promote and improve housing in Southwest and Near Southeast D.C....and to expand business and jobs by mobilizing resources and providing training and guidance. Secondly, WBCDC aims to raise funds for community services and welfare to supplement government programs as needed. WBCDC solicits applications from qualified business persons to establish or expand enterprises for commerce, business and consumer service, and manufacturing in Southwest and Near Southeast Washington to provide employment opportunities for residents and improve their quality of life.

The brochure goes on to describe specific projects. "WBCDC will help rehabilitate existing housing, particularly unoccupied units;

develop new units for housing or business; and help improve public housing and help tenants of public housing to own or control their own living units or whole facilities.

"WBCDC expects to fund at least one new business per year, beginning in 1993, applying from \$10,000 to \$50,000 from its treasury for loans up to five years while, at the same time, arranging for loans and loan guarantees from commercial banks and government agencies offering business aid." A house on First Street, SW is identified as a pilot project for rehabilitation.

Sounds great, but as WBCDC heads towards its fifth year, what has it accomplished? A look at where the organization has been and where it's going is particularly timely now. In 1993, WBCDC received grants of \$10,000 from the following funding agencies: Local Initiatives Support Corporation; Meyer Foundation, and the Community Development Support Collaborative (CDSC). The first two grants were intended to support core operating activities, and the grant from the CDSC was to pay for an organizational assessment. In May of 1993, the CDSC selected the organization to be one of 10 CDCs that would receive funding for the next three years. The CDSC granted WBCDC a \$60,000 grant for operating during 1994. The potential for a significant impact on Southwest is even greater than it was five years ago. It is also more important, because the entire city faces budget cuts.

David Brewer, current president of WBCDC, has agreed to an interview about current activities and plans for the future, which we will report in the next issue. Also, we hope that

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SWNA to hold DC Candidates Forum

Confused about where the candidates stand in the November election? The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly (SWNA) is going to have a Candidates Forum on Wed., Nov. 2 at 6:45 pm at St. Matthews Church (3rd & M St.). Carol Schwartz will be there - as yet, Marion Barry has not responded. However just about everyone else who is running will be there. You be there too.



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- Oct. 28 Fri. St. Matthew's Church, TGOF, 222 M ST, SW, 7:00 pm.
- Nov. 1 Tue. First District MPD Citizen's Advisory Council, 1D Headquarters, 4th and School Streets, 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 2 Wed. A Candidates Forum, St. Matthew's Church, 3rd & M Streets, 7:00 pm.
- Nov. 5 Sat. College Fair, given by Second Baptist Church Scholarship Committee, Auditorium at Amidon Elementary School, 4th & I St, SW, 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm.
- Nov. 8 Tue. D.C. General Election; vote at Bowen School, 3rd & M Streets/Jefferson JHS, 7th & I Streets/Syphax School, Half & N Streets, 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- Nov. 14 Mon. Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2D, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th & I Streets, 7:30 pm.
- Nov. 16 Wed. Southwest AARP Chapter #4451, St. Matthew's Church, 12:30 pm.
- Nov. 18 Fri. First District MPD Awards Banquet, Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th St, N.W., 6:00 pm.
- Nov. 23 Wed. S.W. Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service/Pot Luck supper, St. Vincent DePaul Church, 14 M St, SE, 6:30 pm.

[Please submit community calendar items to C.W. Hargrave, 554-8284.]

The staff of the *Southwester* would like to extend sympathy to one of our writers, Wallace Babington, on the passing of his wife, Becky Babington. She had been ill for many years. They lived in River Park. The Scholarship Committee would like to offer expression of condolences to Miriam Buelken on the death of her husband, Frederick Buelken. They had lived and worked in Capitol Park since the early years of Southwest.

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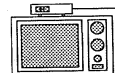
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Ron Britt, the former president who later resigned to become Executive Director will respond to our request for an interview. We will continue to try to piece together the written materials; e.g. financial records and minutes, that will help us understand the organization's history. In the meantime, look for a notice about their annual meeting, which according to WBCDC's by-laws, is to occur in November.

Stay tuned to the next issue for a continuation of this story.

15TH ANNUAL INTERFAITH CONCERT ON TAP FOR WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

The 15th Annual Interfaith Concert-Great Music of 7 Religious Traditions-will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 1994 at 8:00 pm at the Washington National Cathedral (Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC). It will feature, for the first time, a quartet of Jewish Cantors, as well as selected choirs from the Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Sikh faith communities, a Hindu dancer, and the Islamic Call to Prayer. Ms. Charlene Moore Cooper, noted area director, composer and teacher, will lead nearly 200 voices in opening and closing combined choir anthems.

This year's concert is dedicated to the memory of Rabbi Eugene Lipman, a founder and third President of the Interfaith Conference (IFC), who died earlier this year. He first suggested that the IFC have an annual interfaith concert, based on his World War II experience, 50 years ago this fall. He planned with his Catholic and Protestant chaplain colleagues in Fort Worth, Texas, a Thanksgiving eve concert that not only filled the civic center there, but integrated it for the first time when whites and blacks traded tickets to their segregated sections.

The 1992 interfaith concert at the Cathedral attracted 2,120 persons, its largest audience. Large screen television monitors will enable those sitting in the outer aisles to see and hear the concert well, a difficulty with the huge audience two years ago.

General admission tickets are just \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, or \$7.50 each for groups of 10 or more. Reserved section tickets are \$20. Donors of \$40 or more receive reserved section tickets, a listing in the concert program and an invitation to the private reception after the concert. The concert is the only fund raising event for the IFC. For more information and tickets, contact the IFC at 202-234-6300, FAX 202-234-6303, or 1419 V Street, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

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The space is a vacant old warehouse which most recently was a carpentry shop producing furniture for the White House.

The site was selected due to the fact that it met a majority of F&F's requirements, including: 1) its accessibility to 395 N/S; 2) its location one block from the Navy Yard Metro stop; 3) its affordability; 4) its expandability; and 5) its fulfillment of current space requirements.

F&F has signed a ten year lease for 12,500 square feet. The entire building will allow them to expand over the years and rent additional space if needed.

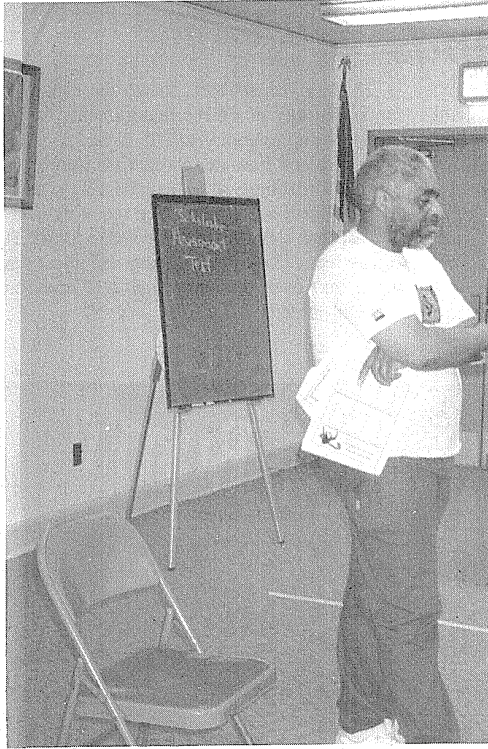
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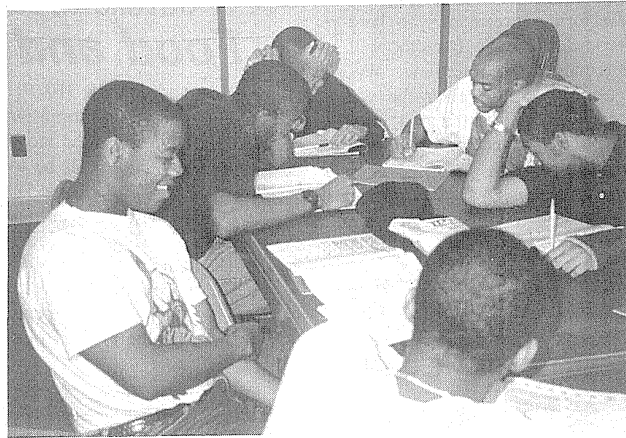
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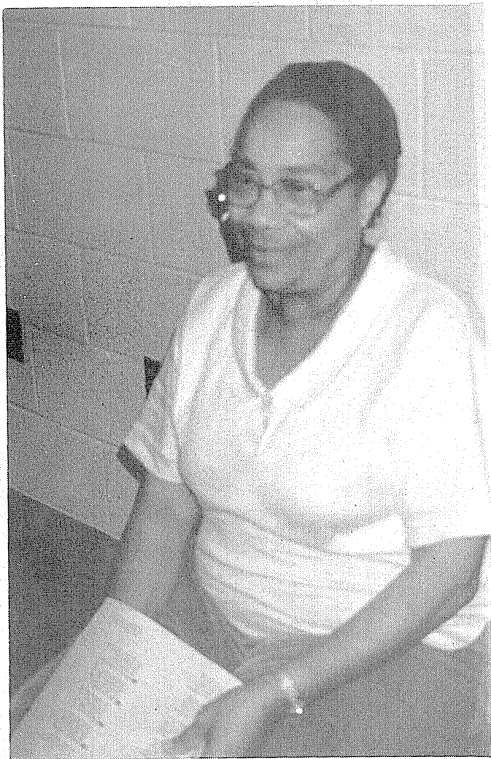
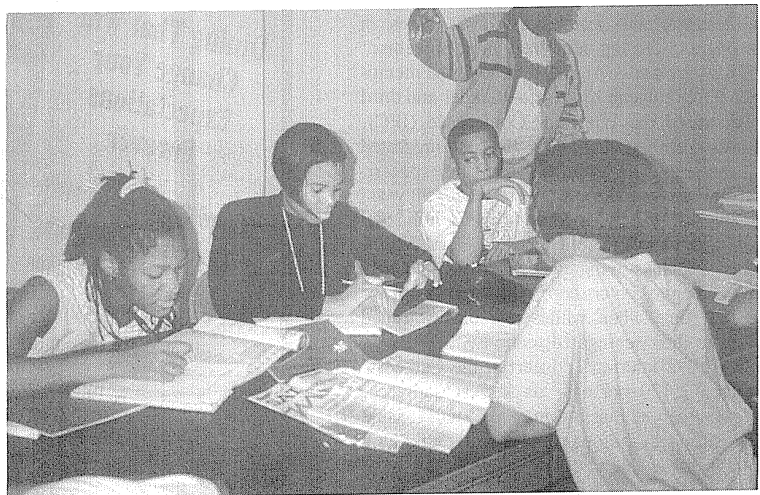


Dr. Eugene Williams, Director of the Test Improvement Program for the District of Columbia



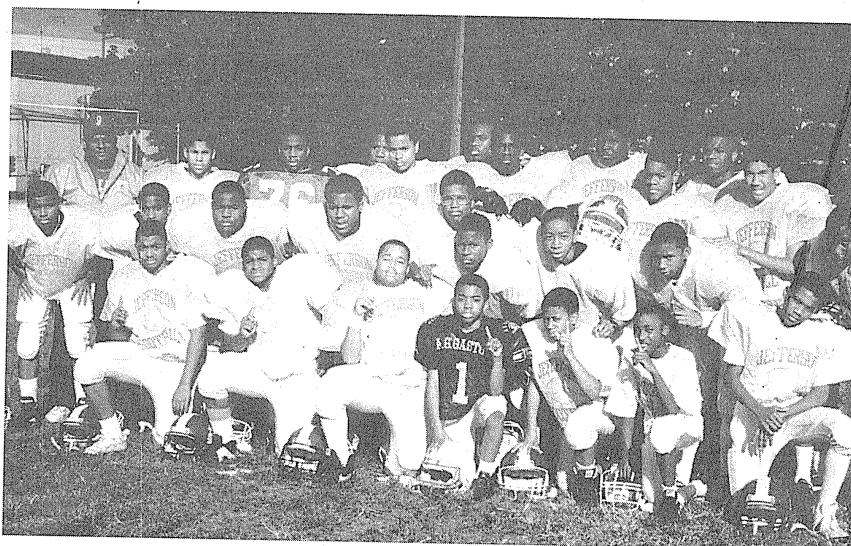
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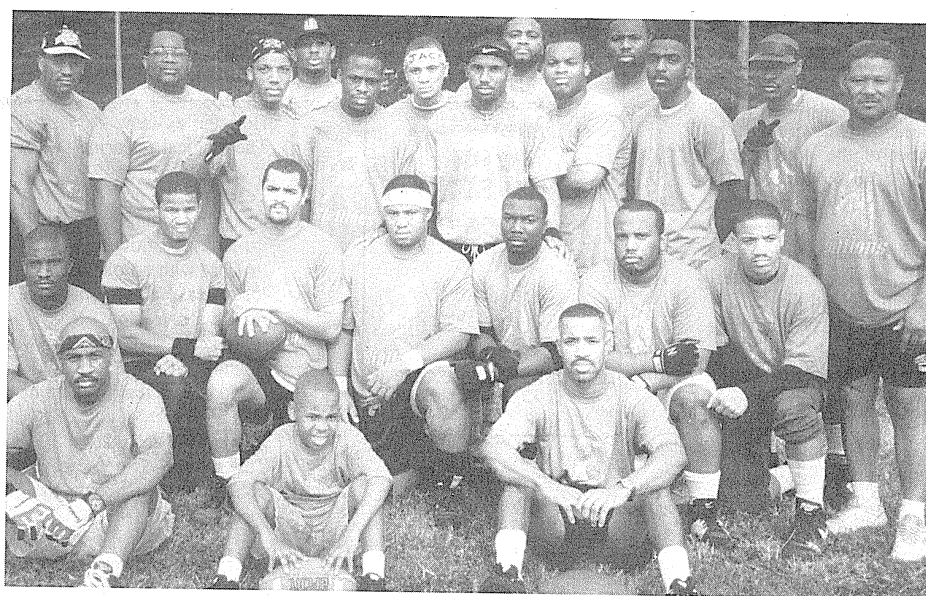


Vernice E. Howard, Chair of the Scholarship Committee at Second Baptist S.W.





Jefferson Junior Football Team



Back row, left to right: John Jackson, Lennie Jones, Anthony Mallory, David Burno, Kenneth Murphy, Charles Matthews, Brian Cobbs, Kenny Smith, Herman Jackson, Michael Hawkins, Edward Sims, Wyatt Green, Coach George Morgan
Middle Row, (kneeling) - left to right: Steven Feazell, Rick Carthorne, Gerald Bundy, Dwight Carmon, Craig Curry, Bernard Scott, Demarcus Yarbough
Front Row, seated - left to right: Jeffery Mallory, mascot Michael Pickett, Melvin Pickett
not shown: Jeffery Dunbar, Lorenzo Mallory, Taynon Hill, Darry Dandridge, Dino Roach

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At Arena Stage's Free Open House

Arena Stage invites the whole family to spend a day behind the scenes at a free Open House on Sunday, October 30, from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm, hosted by Arena's resident actors, artists, designers, craftspeople, and staff.

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LESBIAN AND GAY CHORUS
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EDDIE VAN

The Lesbian & Gay Chorus of Washington, DC [LGCW] is proud to present Eddie Van, a well-known DC jazz singer and songwriter, in a performance with accomplished pianist David Kane, on Saturday, November 5, 1994 at 7:30 pm and 9 pm at St. James Episcopal Church, 222 8th Street, NE. The first show will be artistically interpreted for the deaf.

Tickets are \$10, plus \$5 for dessert. They are on sale at Lammas Women's Books and Lambda Rising. They are also available by calling 202-546-1549.

Vann has been described as "an accomplished, inventive young vocalist" (Joel Siegel, CITY PAPER). In 1992 and 1993, he won the Washington Area Music Association's "Wammy" for best male jazz vocalist. Vann has performed throughout the Eastern United States and was a member of the Washington-based jazz vocal group, Mad Romance. He released his debut recording, "New Shades," on Indigo Records in 1991.

Vann's wide-ranging performance repertoire includes standards, lesser-known songs, blues, bop classics and scat. Vann joined the LGCW in 1994 and is a member of LGCW's standing ensemble, Not What You Think.


Under the direction of Regina Carlow, the LGCW is a non-auditioned community chorus of 65 singers in its 11th year. In January 1994, it released the first CD ever produced by an openly gay/lesbian chorus in the U.S.

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Thank you for dropping off your tapes (on the circulation desk) and we hope that you will continue to do so. Remember, Safeway and Giant are both having the tapes for computers program.

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"Slow me down, Lord!
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By the quieting of my mind.

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Amidst the confusion of my day,
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Break the tensions of my nerves
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The magical restoring power of sleep.

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to watch a spider build a web;
to smile at a child;
or to read a few lines from a good book;

Remind me each day
That the race is not always to the swift;
That there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward
Into the branches of the towering oak
And know that it grew great and strong
Because it grew slowly and well.

Slow me down, Lord,
And inspire me to send my roots deep
Into the soil of life's enduring values
That I may grow toward the stars
Of my greater destiny."

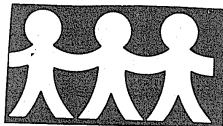
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A Good Samaritan Story

We read and hear so much which is negative that reading something positive is refreshing. The following is a copy of a letter written by Lt. Beverly Medlock to the First District Awards Committee. In it, she makes a recommendation of a recipient for the Distinguished Citizen Award.

"I would like to nominate Ms. Mary Johnson-Olds of 1237 Carrollsborg Street, Southwest for this award.

In April 1994, Ms. Johnson-Olds had just moved into the Southwest community. While in the unit block of M Street, Southwest, Ms. Johnson-Olds passed 25 M Street, Southwest where she discovered a woman with seven children. The woman was waiting for the office at that location to open so that she would be first in line. She needed to get housing for herself and her children. This woman had no place to live and the oldest of her children was eight years old. Ms. Johnson-Olds' conscience would not let her leave these homeless people on the street. Her home became their home.

Ms. Johnson-Olds went even further than that. She spent many hours calling and visiting various emergency shelters and government agencies, churches, etc. in a futile attempt to help locate a place for these homeless individuals.

She did what is the responsibility of our government and our society. It is amazing that our government will take an intoxicated but otherwise healthy and able-bodied individual off the street and put that person in a detoxification center, clean him up, feed him, attend to his health needs but will not take in a woman with infant children. Even the churches offered no assistance. Churches that allowed homeless adults to spend the night, would not allow children to come in.

This story does have a happy ending. After contacting the undersigned (Lt. Medlock), Ms. Johnson-Olds was put in contact with someone in the Community for Creative Non-Violence

Volunteers are Needed

If you want to volunteer but want to remain close by, you might give some thought to **The Southwest Neighborhood Assembly** or to *the Southwester*.

SWNA is planning a Holiday Party for the Southwest Community. If you would like to help, call the president, John Brown at 479-4658.

People are needed who are willing to write articles for *the Southwester*. Maybe you would like to be a restaurant reporter, investigative reporter, Gossip Columnist or a book critic... now is your chance to make that journalistic break-through. Also, we need computer typists. Please call Carole Early, 488-3355 to be on "the team". I would welcome the help. We have some great helpers but could use more.

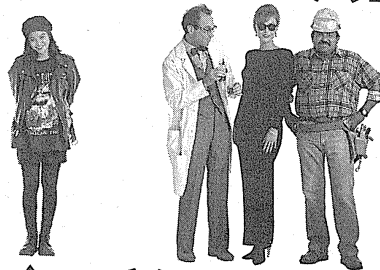


(CCNV). Room was made for the woman and her children and they were able to remain there until housing was located for them. If it had not been for Ms. Johnson-Olds, this woman and her children would have been at the mercy of anything that the streets of Washington, D.C. would have to offer. Luckily, the streets offered Ms. Johnson-Olds."

The award dinner will be Friday November 18, 1994. We will report on that event.

Meanwhile if any of our readers know of other stories like this, *The Southwester* would like you to drop the story off at the library (in our box, behind the circulation desk).

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Meet the Candidates

by Margaret Feldman

SW Neighborhood Assembly and ANC2D are sponsoring a November 2nd Meet the Candidates.

Beginning with a "Meet and Greet" at 6:30, the formal meeting will begin at 7 P.M. with the candidates for ANC2D Commissioners.

Ward 2 Board of Education candidates, Board of Education-at-large, City Council Chair and At-Large Member of the Council, will all follow with short talks and answers to questions prepared in advance.

The Mayoral candidates will have their turn at 8:15.

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Rasco P. Braswell	D.C. Statehood
Donald A. Saltz	Republican
Bradley Downs	Socialist Workers Party

Mayor

Jodean M. Marks	D.C. Statehood
Aaron Ruby	Socialist Workers Party
Carol Schwartz	Republican
Marion Barry, Jr.	Democrat
Faith	No-Party/Independent
Jesse Battle	No-Party/Independent
Curtis Pree	No-Party/Independent

Chairman of the Council

Jephunneh Lawrence	No-Party/Independent
Minton Francis	Republican
David A. (Dave) Clarke	Democrat
Mark Thompson	The Umoja Party

At-Large Member of the Council

R. David Hall	No Party/Independent
Hilda Mason	D.C. Statehood
Linda Cropp	Democrat
Harry M. Singleton	Republican
Charles J. Moreland	No Party/Independent
Jerry Moore III	No Party/Independent
Kemry "Kem" Hughes	The Umoja Party
David Asher Garrett	No Party/Independent

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Richard "Rick" L. Sowell
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Brenda Stanford Southerland
Jay Silberman

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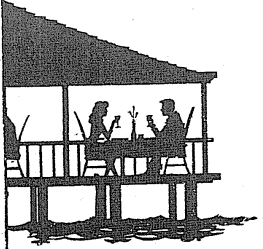
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Florence Pendleton	Democrat
Mel Edwards	D.C. Statehood

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SW HOUSE ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR NOVEMBER 16

The Southwest Community House will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, November 16, at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street SW. The meeting is scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

SW House was founded in 1901 to help meet the basic needs of those in poverty living in the Southwest community. A tax-exempt agency, SWCH provides emergency food and clothing, helps residents obtain jobs, health, housing and social service assistance.

It receives major funding from the United Planning Organization (UPO), United Way, National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, area religious congregations, and individuals.

The agenda for the evening will include election of several new board members for 3-year terms. The SW House Board includes at least 15 people, but not more than 20. The directors, who meet monthly, are responsible for setting policy and overseeing its implementation, appointing all staff, and approving an annual budget.

Anyone interested in serving on the board, or nominating someone else, should submit a brief biography to the Nominations Committee, SWCH, 156 Q Street SW, Washington, DC 20024 by November 9. The biography should include the person's home and work telephone numbers.

If you are interested in taking the Adult Basic Education Course, give your name and number to one of the staff members at the library. They will be in touch with you.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

by Jerry Blasenstein

As we settle down for the cold weather ahead, this would be a good time to remind community residents about the Friends of the Southwest Library [FOSL].

FOSL, founded in the 1980's by John Turnis, is a non-profit organization supporting the local library by supplementing the book and program funds through membership fees, donations, and fund-raising events. Together with other Friends groups throughout the city, Southwest Friends create public support for library legislation and appropriations.

The Friends groups help to inform the community of the needs of the library, services, and programs. They also make financial contributions to the book fund. As a matter of note, a book fair held in August at Waterside Mall, co-sponsored by FOSL and S.W. Scholarship Committee, yielded 90% of the proceeds to SWSC, a glowing example of communities and agencies working together.

Why not consider joining FOSL. Membership is open to all with an interest in libraries. Corporate memberships are also encouraged.

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Southwest Branch Library

The Southwest Community is most appreciative of the sense of community spirit exhibited by the staff at the SW Library. Our library is so much more than a "library". It is a place for the community to hold meetings. It is a place where outside learning events (PSAT Workshop) can meet. No matter what, the regular patrons of the library are there using the library. But, it is also a place where you will find free classes planned by the DC Public Library. And last, but not least, on any school day after 3:00 pm, students can be found studying, reading books related to school and books for fun, or performing library chores. It is a busy place.

Starting on Monday October 31 - December 19, 1994, there will be free classes in American Sign Language and Deaf Culture. Class will be from 6:00 -7:00 pm. Following this, there will be an Intermediate Level class from January 9 - March 13, 1995. It will be held at the same time. On Thursday, October 27th from 2:30 - 5:00 pm, there will be an interactive HIV/AIDS awareness program. It will feature panels from The AIDS Memorial Quilt. Panel makers will discuss their work.

Currently underway are plans to have an Adult Basic Education class. It will either be later this year or in early 1995. They will go into the community to get members for this class.

This feeling that one gets of the library being more than a House of Books trickles down to all the employees but it starts first with the head librarian, Carolyn McCormick. All of you thank you.

College Fair in November

by Vernice Howard,
Second Baptist Church

College Fair At Amidon School

On Saturday, November 5, 1994, the Second Baptist Church Scholarship Committee will present a college fair in the multipurpose room of the Amidon Elementary School at 4th and I Street, SW. The time of this affair is from 12Noon to 4pm.

There will be approximately 27 colleges and universities represented and at least 4 financial institutions which will include our own S.W. Neighborhood Assembly Scholarship chairperson.

TGOF AT ST. MATTHEW'S

TGOF. Shouldn't the "O" be an "I"? It could be, although "O" is the correct letter at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, 222 M Street, SW, whenever a "Thank God On Friday" occurs.

St. Matthew's will host its October TGOF the last Friday of this month, October 28 at 7pm. Pastor Barron Maberry reports the format will be similar to the first TGOF this summer: A brief TGOF worship service, followed by an instructor-taught method of meditation, and ending with a period of lively conversation about topics of interest to Southwest residents.

"We'll also do a free stress management session, if enough residents and other guests like the idea," Dr. Maberry said.

Dr. Maberry noted TGOF is another St. Matthew's Southwest program with a potentially high community wellness profile. Last month, St. Matthew's began hosting a Jazz exercise program. He noted the Fellowship Hall was completely filled for the Jazzercise program and added that St. Matthew's wants to make a similar commitment to mental and spiritual health for its members and Southwest neighbors.

TGOF is free. Refreshments will be served.

The church's parking lot is adjacent to St. Matthew's on M Street. St. Matthew's is also convenient to Metro's Green Line Waterfront Station.

For more information, call 202-484-3189.

Fill Your Heart and Soul With Music

"An Evening of Joy" Jazz Vespers will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, 4th and I Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20024. Jazz Vespers features the Ron Elliston Trio with Ronnie Wells and Dick Smith.

The date is Sunday, November 6, 1994 at 5:00 pm. Donation is \$15 for Adults, \$5 for Children. A reception will follow immediately.

For further information, contact M.B. Twitty at 202-488-0698.

TEMPLE MICAH TO MOVE

Temple Micah, which has long shared space with St. Augustine's Episcopal Church at 600 M St., SW, will be moving to its new site on Wisconsin Avenue in the Summer of 1995.

The Reform Jewish congregation, which was established in 1963, began holding services at the M Street site in 1966, an arrangement that grew into a joint agreement to equally share the facility. It became apparent in the 1980's, however, that the building could not accommodate the growing congregation, especially the religious school. Discussions with St. Augustine's regarding an addition to the building were unsuccessful, and in 1988, Temple Micah's membership voted overwhelmingly to look for a new location.

The membership and board were committed to remaining an urban congregation, and the initial search focused on the Southwest and Capital Hill neighborhoods. Unfortunately, in several years of searching, no site was found that fulfilled its requirements for size and affordability. Several years ago, however, a suitable undeveloped piece of property in the 2800 block of Wisconsin Avenue, NW, was brought to the attention of the search committee through a member of the congregation.

Construction began on the property this past September and is scheduled to be completed early next summer. The architect is Architrave, P.C., and the contractor is Uniwest Construction, Inc.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Southwest Interfaith Community Thanksgiving service will be held at St. Vincent DePaul Roman Catholic Church at 14 M Street, SE on Wednesday, November 23, 1994. The church will be open at 6:00pm. The service will begin at 6:30pm, followed by a community pot luck supper at approximately 7:30pm. The church will provide the main dish for supper. Please bring a vegetable, salad, potato, or pasta dish, or a dessert, and stay for the supper.

Everyone is invited to come and join in giving thanks. The service is sponsored by the Southwest Clergy Association. The traditional interfaith offering of thanks is an annual gathering of Christians and Jews. Come join in the celebration.

St. Vincent DePaul Church is located at 14 M Street, SE. Call 202-488-1354 for more information.



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St. Augustine's Yard Sale

On a sunny fall day, vendors from Eastern Market, booths "manned" by community members and church booths, and food merchants

were on the grounds of St. Augustine's. People came to take advantage of all this activity and to buy the merchandise. Fun was had by all.





FOCUS: WASHINGTON Debuts at MLK Library

Local artist, Joan D. Tierney of Southwest DC, is getting a late life start showing her paintings and prints that promote DC charm and vitality. Grandmother of five, Tierney will hold only her second exhibit next month, although she has been painting all her life and uses art professionally in her work as a marketing consultant. The new exhibition, "Focus: Washington," is a collection of original miniature scenes in water colors and pastels, as well as hand-crafted prints. It accents Washington's new and restored architecture and popular street scenes. The exhibit will be held at the Martin Luther King Library beginning November 1 and will run until the end of December in the Washingtoniana Room.

For her first exhibit, Signet Bank manager, Rosemary Elhousseine, invited Dr. Tierney to exhibit at the Seventh and D street NW branch in August. Twenty-eight pieces of Tierney's art collection from personal travels and Washington life and her extensive notecard series on Washington were on display for her first show. As new works are completed, they will be exhibited at the Bank, Tierney reported.

The former university professor of communication arts had just completed a major new work in water color on paper entitled "The Secret Garden," which premiered at the Signet showing. The three feet-by-five-feet tryptych is Tierney's first large scale painting. It will remain at Signet until it goes on exhibition at the Martin Luther King Library in March. For further information contact the Art Division of the Library.

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ANC Report

At its October 17 meeting ANC 2D:

1. Heard representatives of the Challenger Center describe their proposal for building a headquarters building on Parcel 76 (the parking lot at 7th and G) along with a townhouse development ("Challenger Mews").
2. Approved the proposed community participation plan for Creole Orleans 1874 and The Foxtrappe, at 700 Water Street.
3. Agreed to oppose the latest application by the East Side Club on Buzzard Point for a renewal of their ABC license.
4. Decided not to oppose license renewal applications for Zeigfield's, 1345 Half Street SE, and The Pawnshop, 300 E Street SW.
5. Discussed crime statistics for the area with First District police representatives and area residents who presented personal experiences concerning crime and police responses.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the ANC will be 7:30 pm, Monday, November 11, 1994 at 400 I Street SW (in the basement of Westminster Church). The **agenda**, which is subject to last minute changes, now tentatively includes: Crime Report and review of the 1994 Annual Report. For more information, or to request time on the agenda to present a concern to the ANC, call the ANC 2D office at 554-1795.

Dr. McDowell Moves Around Corner

Dr. Vesta McDowell P.C. a professional corporation doing business as *Southwest Podiatry*, since 1988 when she first opened her doors, has moved around the corner from 1250 Fourth St., the west building of the Carrollsburg Condominium to the north building at 300 M St., S.W.

Southwest Podiatry is currently taking appointments for patients during evening hours and Saturday by calling (202)488-7740. All private insurances are accepted. The doctor is a participating provider for Medicare and Blue Shield. Patients with Medicaid coverage are welcome with a referral from their family physician.

SEVEN GOOD PRACTICES FOR PARENTS

by Richard W. Riley

First, take a time inventory, to find the extra time you need so the family can learn together. Commit yourself to learning something with your children.

Second, commit yourself to high standards and set high expectations for your children—challenge them in every possible way to reach for their full potential.

Third, limit television viewing on a school night to a maximum of two hours even if that means that the remote control may have to disappear on occasion.

Fourth, read together. It is the starting point of all learning.

Fifth, make sure your children take the tough courses at school and schedule daily time to check homework.

Sixth, make sure your child goes to school every day and support community efforts to keep children safe and off the street late at night.

Seventh, set a good example and talk directly to your children, especially your teenagers, about the dangers of drugs and alcohol and about the values you want your children to have. Such personal talks, however uncomfortable they make you feel, may save their lives.

The writer is Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education

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ARTISTIC CHEF PAINTS MURAL ON WATERFRONT RESTAURANT

Mr. Don A. Key, a 70 year old North Korean born artist and the sushi chef at Phillips of Washington, DC restaurant, has painted a magnificent mural depicting the Chesapeake Bay and Thomas Point Lighthouse on the facade of the restaurant. The colorful mural, which spans the entire 180 foot length of the Southwest Waterfront restaurant, was painted in conjunction with the opening of the new Waterman's Harvest Buffet.

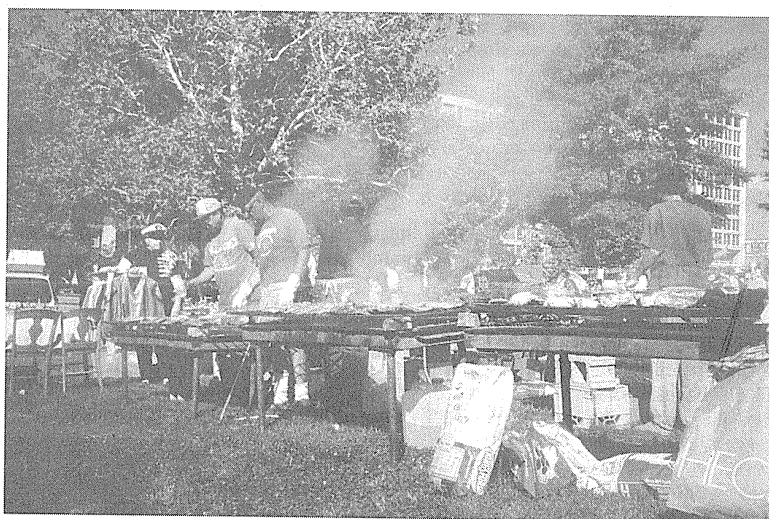
Mr. Key began the design of the mural by covering the upper front wall in white and ending dark blue hues and grays to create a scene of rough waves and Chesapeake Bay skipjacks sailing around the Thomas Point lighthouse. The detail of each skipjack and the overall design of the mural is a display of artistic craftsmanship at its best.

The scene has particular significance for Mr. Key since he has spent much time on the Chesapeake Bay reflecting on his naval experience during WWII. Mr. Key explains, "I spent many years on ships traveling the ocean. I took picture of the Thomas Point lighthouse on a windy fall day. To this day, I paint the Bay with a stormy sea as I saw it that first time during harvest season."

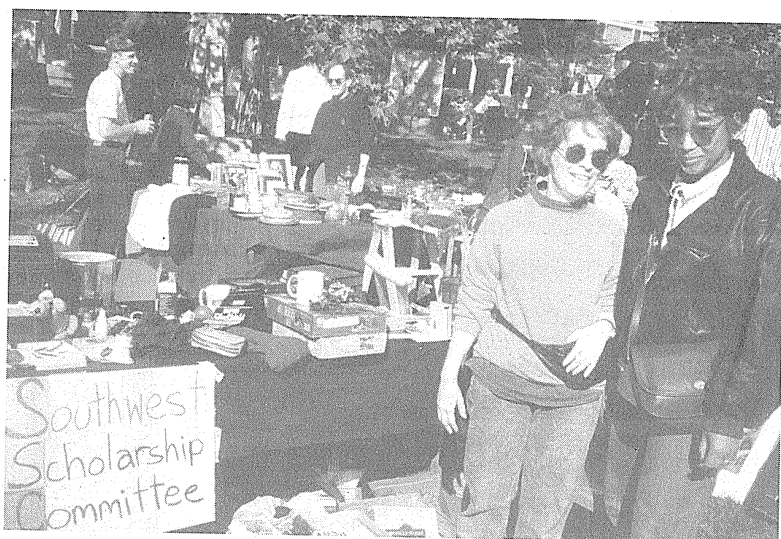
Mr. Key was educated in the fine arts in North Korea and Japan. His training includes watercolor, drawing, oil painting, sculpture, pottery and lacquerware. He painted for his government as a combat artist, from which some of his paintings are included in the permanent collection of the Army War college in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Recognized and known as a portrait artist throughout the eastern United States, Mr. Key has painted portraits of past presidents - Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, and George Bush. He also travels to the U.S. military bases where he is commissioned to paint portraits of the current base commanders. Mr. Key's work is included in both private, public, and museum collections both in his country and abroad.



Mr. Don Key



The food at St. A's Yard Sale was Yummy



S.W. Scholarship Yard Sale

The Yard Sale Committee headed by Johari Rashad and Carole Early wants to thank some great salespersons, Rebecca Gray, Barbara Murray, Janice Cole, Le Eckles and LaVerne Triplette. Of course if there hadn't people willing to donate items (many parents of present and future recipients, and kind-hearted community members) and people who bought items, success would have been limited. We earned over \$250.00 for the kids of SW in 1995.

St. Augustines was very kind and invited the Scholarship Committee to take part in their large yard sale. Their sale is a large fund-raiser for the church; nevertheless they felt that there would be space for one more booth. We are grateful for their generosity.

Dale MacIver, one of our roving, volunteer photographers took this picture of Carole Early with LaVerne Triplette. Ms. Triplette's son was voted "Mr. Congeniality" for 1994 by the committee.

Councilman Evans Speaks out

On Thursday, September 15, I attended the Waterside Towers Tenant meeting. It was exciting to see the number of concerned residents who were present. Often, many solutions to community problems have been resolved when people work together as the residents in Waterside Towers have done.

During the meeting, we discussed issues relating to crime with Inspector Robert Gayles of the Metropolitan Police First District, Lieutenant Medlock, and the officers assigned to that area.

Following the discussion, I was impressed by the positive response to the President's request for volunteers to form an Orange Hat Patrol and monitor the mini-station which will be located inside Waterside Mall. I look forward to assisting both organizations in achieving their goals.

On Wednesday, September 14, I was a guest speaker at the Washington Waterfront Association monthly meeting. I discussed my views about the September 13th elections and the economic impact I believe it will have on Ward 2, specifically along the Southwest Waterfront. I feel with legislation in place for the construction of a new convention center and sports arena, businesses throughout the city stand to benefit tremendously.

As you may know, my staff and I have followed the court-case between Parcel 49C Limited Partnership (Portals) and General Services Administration (GSA), who were authorized by Congress to lease space for a consolidated FCC headquarters. On February 2, 1992, GSA canceled the procurement which prompted Portals to file a complaint in the Court of Federal Claims alleging FCC violated the Procurement Integrity Act.

On March 4, 1994, the court found that GSA's reasons for cancellation were not credible. GSA filed and was granted an appeal on March 19, 1994. However, GSA was required to make an immediate award to Portals under the reinstated solicitation for Offers (SFO). The Federal Circuit court of appeals was set to hear arguments on May 5, 1994. In September, the Federal Circuit Court ruled in favor of Portals and negotiations to have the FCC move into the Portals site are currently underway.

Mark your calendars. On Friday, October 28, I will celebrate my 41st birthday at my 4th annual constituent service fundraiser at the Hotel Washington at 6:30pm - 9:00pm. Call my office at (202) 724-8058 for more information.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD MOVIE

Wallace Babington

Tired of travelling all the way across town and paying \$7.50 for a movie that wasn't very good to begin with? Well, we have a movie house in our own back yard that shows some of the best films ever made and for the best price possible: free.

The Mary Pickford Theater, located on the third floor of the Library of Congress, James Madison Building (Independence Ave and First St. SW) offers a selection of some of the best recent movies at no cost. All you need is a reservation that can be made by telephone (202-707-5677) a week before the movie is shown. Your seats are held for you up to ten minutes prior to showtime; after that the standbys are admitted to unclaimed seats.

The theater is small - only 64 seats - and very popular. Sometimes you must call repeatedly to get through to make a reservation for an especially popular movie. But the effort is worthwhile: the films are in good condition, sound is excellent and the audience quiet and attentive. But no popcorn allowed - sorry!

Programs are usually arranged to present a variety of films on a common theme. The current program runs through December and presents films from the late 1940s through the early 1990s. Even though most of the titles in this series are now available on video, they are rarely seen on the big screen these days. And real movies such as these are meant to be seen on a big screen - in a real theater - with a real audience.

The schedule for next month includes some great oldies:

November - 1 The Graduate, 2 The Loved One, 3 Rosemary's Baby, 7 Bullitt, 8 The Wild Bunch, 9 Five Easy Pieces, 10 2001: A Space Odyssey, 14 The French Connection, 15 Dirty Harry, 17 American Graffiti

You can be placed on the mailing list and receive a detailed program for future screenings by calling 202-707-5677.

Phillip's Innovative Change

by Regina Rorie

Phillip's Waterman's Harvest Buffet, formally known as Phillip's Flagship Restaurant, premiered officially on October 7 amidst tremendous fanfare.

The restaurant, located at 900 Water Street, has completely abandoned its a la carte menu. In its place is a large, rather impressive upscale buffet. "It's the only one of its kind in the metropolitan area," said Honey Konicoff, corporate director of marketing. Phillip's redesigned its main dining room to accommodate the change.

Hundreds of balloons, an excited crowd and a lively jazz band could not detract from the center of attention: the food.

The expansive buffet offered a veritable smorgasbord of seafood and non-seafood items.

Steamed lobsters, shrimp, mussels, grilled chicken, sauteed vegetables and pasta are just a few of the many dishes that one could choose from.

Southwest resident Janice Sullivan chose lobster - twice. "For an all-you-can-eat buffet, this is really nice," she said. Sullivan also sampled three desserts from the dessert cart that was filled with fresh baked cakes and pies, brownies and apple crisps. "They're all good," Sullivan said. Her companion, Cyrus Buckman, agreed wholeheartedly. "At a cost of only \$29.95 and for the selection of food, it's unbeatable," he said.

If Phillip's wanted to capture the spirit of the waterfront with its innovative concepts of design, by many accounts, they've succeeded.

Undoubtedly, most Southwest residents have noticed the handiwork of sushi chef Don a Key. Key's outstanding mural spans the entire 180 feet facade of Phillip's. It realistically depicts the rough waves of the Chesapeake Bay and Thomas Point Lighthouse. Inside, the best seats are those that overlook the Washington Harbor and Haines Point. By combining ambience, talent, and location, Phillip's has achieved the ultimate dining experience.

